

Getting the Recognition You Deserve:

Federal Energy & Water Management Awards

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Schedule

• Mid-February: Criteria and guidelines

distributed

• Mid-May: Nominations due

• Early June: Evaluation team

recommends winners July: Award winners announced

• October: Award Ceremonies

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Criteria and Guidelines

- Read carefully for changes from year to year.
- Currently includes instructions for both FEMP and Presidential awards.
- FEMP awards are given to individuals, small groups, or organizations.
- The Presidential award is given *only* to agency teams.

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Award Categories: Choose Carefully!

- Energy efficiency/energy management
- Innovation/innovative new technology
- · Renewable energy
- Alternative financing projects
- Energy-efficient mobility
- Water conservation
- Effective program implementation and management

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Special Award Categories

- Presidential Award for Leadership in Federal Energy Management
- Exceptional Service Award
- Director's Award
- · Energy Star
- Federal Energy Saver Showcase Designation

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Eligibility

- Projects completed and *savings have begun to accrue* in the previous fiscal year.
- Exception: Alternative Finance category.
- Federal employees, contractor operators always eligible. Contributors eligibility is restricted.

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Format for Submissions

- The summary tends to be used verbatim in the awards booklet; it is read, not evaluated.
- While the narrative should be four pages, take advantage of supplemental graphs, energy use tracking, and pictures.
- Make the narrative easy to read.
- Write the narrative to the criteria!

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Criteria, Criteria, Criteria

- Each nomination is evaluated based on the criteria specific to the award category.
- Some criteria is worth more than others.
- The criteria will change from year to year; read carefully.

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DO

- · Address all the criteria.
- Address all the criteria in sufficient detail.
- Emphasize quantifiable results.
- Include backup graphs or reports to document results.
- Make the nomination visually attractive.
- Submit in the appropriate category.
- Make the write-up sound sufficiently different from last's years submission.

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Don't

- Don't ignore some (or all) of the criteria.
- Don't be too brief.
- Don't use small print (use at least 11).
- Don't use poor grammar or spelling.
- Don't let your paragraphs get too long.
- Don't stint on providing credible backup for results.

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